Vernacular School teachers employed as enumerators for Census work.

58. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to the Census operations in progress, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of Vernacular School teachers employed as enumerators;

(*b*) the nature of the work to be done by these enumerators;

(*c*) the average number of dwelling houses which each enumerator has to visit;

(*d*) the time allotted to these enumerators for completing their work;

(*e*) whether the enumerators are expected to do their work without prejudice to their work as school teachers;

(*f*) whether they can give approximately the number of houses which an enumerator will be able to visit one day and the time required for collecting the necessary information from each house;

(*g*) the remuneration allowed to the enumerators for their work;

(*h*) whether any complaints have been received from the enumerators either by the Government or by the Census Commissioner; and

(*i*) if the answer to part (*h*) is in the affirmative, the nature of the complaints received and what action has been taken in the matter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 2,689.

(*b*) The enumerators should fill up the Census schedules for the houses assigned to them and also distribute and collect the unemployment schedules.

(*c*) From 300 to 400 houses in rural and from 600 to 750 houses in urban areas.

(*d*) Two months.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) From 6 to 10 houses in rural and 10 to 12 houses in urban areas.

From 20 to 30 minutes per house.

(*g*) Rs. 5 (five).

(*h*) Yes, a few.

(*i*) The complaint is mainly about the heaviness of the work. Relief has been afforded, where necessary, by the appointment of additional enumerators. Five extra holidays prefixed to the Christmas vacation have also been sanctioned. Besides, a proposal is before Government to allow the enumerators and supervisors concerned privilege leave on full pay for one month in compensation for their loss of the Christmas vacation this year.

Amalgamation of the English and Vernacular Branches of the Education Department.

59. **MR. K. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI** (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether Ag. Director Mr. K. V. Rangaswami Aiyangar had during his acting tenure submitted a scheme propos-

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[Mr. K. G. Paramesvaran Pillai.]

ing the abolition of the posts of the Inspectors of English and Vernacular Schools, the amalgamation of the English and Vernacular branches of the Education Department and the division of the State into two or three Ranges, placing each under the charge of a Range Inspector?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Reorganisation of the Secretariat.

60. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any reorganisation was effected in the Secretariat in Chingom 1106;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether they had any proposal before them for the same when the Budget for 1106 was under preparation; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, why they did not include the same in the Budget for 1106?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There was no regular reorganisation. But a few changes were effected in the number and pay of the superior officers and the distribution of work.

(*b*) and (*c*) The Government had not finally decided the changes at the time of the Budget session.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know when the question of these few changes, that have now been effected in the Secretariat, were first contemplated?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It was under contemplation for some time; but effective proposals were made only after the Finance Committee met and passed the Budget.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): When was it first proposed?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That was about a year ago. But, as I said, definite proposals were made only after the Finance Committee met and passed the Budget.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Was it felt that the scheme must be immediately put into execution without previous intimation to the Council?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes; because, if it was postponed it would have to be postponed for a year, and that delay was not considered desirable.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Were not the Government aware, at the time of the preparation of the Budget, that this was an important matter and that therefore it should be placed before the Finance Committee?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have already stated that effective proposals were made only after the Finance Committee meeting was over?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Though the question was before Government for about a year or so they

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